

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, the Galtres Centre**  
**17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors: P. Nottage (Chairman), C. Barnes (Vice-Chairman), D. Bream, R. Varney, F. Johnston-Banks, K. Butcher, C. Bilson, Assistant Clerk J. Fairbrother, County Councillor N. Knapton

**Clerk:** Mrs J. Bentley

<b>25/184</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> 184.1 Apologies were received from Councillors K. Colwell, N. Madden, E. Whiteside 184.2 Reasons given were approved
<b>25/185</b>	It was resolved to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments and representations through the Chairman in respect of the business on the agenda. 1 member of the public was present and no questions were asked.
<b>25/186</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> The minutes of the meeting of the Council of 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 were received and approved.
<b>25/187</b>	<b>CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An email has been sent to Earley Ornaments to order the summer planting</li> <li>• Garden Studio has been instructed to go ahead with the Long Street Planters</li> <li>• The litter picking has been organised for the 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March, starting at 10.00am under the buttercross. It was agreed that the Clerk should put the event on facebook</li> <li>• An email was sent to York Motor Club Classic Cars to approve the rally in the Market Place on the 12<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• The Wallgate Proposal was accepted with a commitment to pay annually</li> <li>• An email was sent to the Planning Inspectorate confirming the Easingwold Town Council is not a relevant planning consultee as the proposed development falls outside of our parish</li> <li>• Forth Plant has been authorised to go ahead with the tarmac outside of G H Smith</li> </ul>
<b>25/188</b>	<b>NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE</b> No update was received from North Yorkshire Police. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should request an update and attendance, if possible, for the next meeting. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should ask for an update on their staffing situation.
<b>25/189</b>	<b>ACTION PLAN</b> The action plan was received and updated.
<b>25/190</b>	<b>NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL</b> An update was received from County Councillor Knapton on North Yorkshire Council. Trees have been cut down illegally on Kelbalk Lane and, although they did not cut them down, Broadacres have agreed to remove the timber. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor Knapton will seek to establish the ownership of the road gutters in the Market Place pending planned resurfacing work by NYC, and that the Clerk will also check our deeds.
<b>25/191</b>	<b>MILLFIELDS</b> 191.1 Quotes for resurfacing the car park were received and it was <b>AGREED</b> to go ahead with the Forth Plant quote minus the diesel treatment. 191.2 Councillor Nottage provided an update on the ongoing work being undertaken to reduce the lighting levels on the walking/jogging path and the skate park. It was <b>AGREED</b> to engage the planning consultant in order to submit a retrospective planning application for lighting of both the skate park and path based on whatever agreed reduced lighting levels are achieved.
<b>25/192</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS &amp; MATTERS</b> 192.1 The minutes of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee meeting from the 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 were received and approved and the minutes of the Social & Events Committee meeting from the 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 were received. 192.2 Councillor Varney and the Clerk provided an update on the Mayoral Vibrant Market Working Group and Councillor Bream provided an update on the Chase Garth Working Group.

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<b>25/193</b>	<p><b>RESIGNATION</b></p> <p>The resignation of Councillor Kay Colwell was received, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to carry out the standard legal procedure of reporting the casual vacancy to Democratic Services and advertising it. It was <b>AGREED</b> to put this item on the April agenda to review the position and agree the way forward.</p>																																																																
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<b>25/195</b>	<p><b>POTENTIAL LAND PURCHASE</b></p> <p>An email was received from a member of the public regarding the potential purchase of land, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Easingwold Town Council will not sell public land.</p>																																																																
<b>25/196</b>	<p><b>EASINGWOLD UNITED CHARITIES</b></p> <p>The resignation of a Trustee was received, and it was <b>AGREED</b> to advertise the vacancy to recruit.</p>																																																																
<b>25/197</b>	<p><b>EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE</b></p> <p>Emergency expenditure actioned by the Clerk since the last meeting included a Cistermeiser for the gents toilets.</p>																																																																
<b>25/198</b>	<p><b>FINANCE MATTERS</b></p> <p>198.1 The income from previous month and the Income &amp; Expenditure Report for 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were noted</p> <p>198.2 The accounts for payment were approved</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL - LIST OF PAYMENTS MARCH 2026</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Payee Name</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Reference</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Amount Paid</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Transaction Detail</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>J Hudson</td> <td>BP260301</td> <td>1750.00</td> <td>Market stalls contract</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>BP260302</td> <td>1018.97</td> <td>Tax &amp; NI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NY Pension Fund X3300</td> <td>BP260303</td> <td>1073.10</td> <td>Superannuation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salary 2</td> <td>BP260304</td> <td>458.31</td> <td>Salary 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salary 1</td> <td>BP260305</td> <td>2066.84</td> <td>Salary 1 &amp; subscriptions</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RBH Handyman</td> <td>BP260306</td> <td>950.00</td> <td>Various</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G H Brooks</td> <td>BP260307</td> <td>181.88</td> <td>Handyman repairs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSE Energy Solutions</td> <td>BP260308</td> <td>575.11</td> <td>Electricity toilets</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BATA</td> <td>BP260309</td> <td>104.37</td> <td>BATA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ME Willis Ltd</td> <td>BP260310</td> <td>3.60</td> <td>Tool Hire</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GH Smith &amp; Son</td> <td>BP260311</td> <td>33.00</td> <td>Friendliness ad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wallgate Ltd</td> <td>BP260312</td> <td>1618.34</td> <td>Wallgate payment plan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leaf Groundcare Ltd</td> <td>BP260313</td> <td>201.60</td> <td>Path maintenance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The George Hotel</td> <td>BP260314</td> <td>180.00</td> <td>Friendliness tea</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Stream</td> <td>BP260315</td> <td>715.70</td> <td>Waste services</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail	J Hudson	BP260301	1750.00	Market stalls contract	HM Revenue & Customs	BP260302	1018.97	Tax & NI	NY Pension Fund X3300	BP260303	1073.10	Superannuation	Salary 2	BP260304	458.31	Salary 2	Salary 1	BP260305	2066.84	Salary 1 & subscriptions	RBH Handyman	BP260306	950.00	Various	G H Brooks	BP260307	181.88	Handyman repairs	SSE Energy Solutions	BP260308	575.11	Electricity toilets	BATA	BP260309	104.37	BATA	ME Willis Ltd	BP260310	3.60	Tool Hire	GH Smith & Son	BP260311	33.00	Friendliness ad	Wallgate Ltd	BP260312	1618.34	Wallgate payment plan	Leaf Groundcare Ltd	BP260313	201.60	Path maintenance	The George Hotel	BP260314	180.00	Friendliness tea	Business Stream	BP260315	715.70	Waste services
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	Andrew Nelson	BP260316	1004.00	Miscellaneous Works Contract
	A & M Cleaning	BP260317	1337.33	Cleaning toilets
	<b>Total</b>		<b>13272.15</b>	
<b>25/199</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>			
	<i><b>This item was taken at 8.00pm</b></i>			
	199.1 To consider Town Council response to planning applications received (see list attached).			
	<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Application details</b>		<b>Address</b>
a	ZB26/00174/CAT	Works to fell tree in a conservation area Already approved.		1 Woodyard Court Long Street Easingwold York
b	ZB26/00101/FUL	General purposed Agricultural building for the existing Farmstead as amended 20.02.2026 <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>		White House Farm, Thirsk Road, Easingwold York
c	ZB26/00270/CAT	Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area. T1 - Leylandii and T2 Cypress <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>		Tudor House 4 Uppleby Easingwold York
e	ZB26/00290/FUL	Retrospective application for the construction of a Single Storey Rear Extension <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>		Springfield Court Thirsk Road Easingwold York
f	ZB26/00151/FUL	Application for the construction of an agricultural building for the storage of agricultural machinery, animal feed, fodder and accommodation for sheep during lambing <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>		Land to the east of Garden House Raskelf Road Easingwold North Yorkshire
g	ZB26/00340/TPO	Application for works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order 1961/13 – T2 (Broad Leaved Lime) – Cyclical Re-pollard to existing pollard knuckles. T3 (Broad Leaved Lime) – Cyclical Re-pollard to existing pollard knuckles <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>		Timbers Church Hill Easingwold York
	199.2 Decisions on planning applications considered North Yorkshire Council were noted and total of applications for new dwellings approved.			
<b>25/200</b>	<b>TOWN REPAIRS AND MAINTENAN</b>			
	Requirements and actions to be taken include asking Councillor Whiteside how to use the clock lights app and relaying the grass mats at the table tennis table. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should check the arrival dates for the door with Healthmatic.			

The meeting finished at 20.50